

REMARKS

Claims 1-23, 25-34 are pending in the present application. Claim 24 was canceled without admission. New claim 34 has been added to include the limitations of claim 24. Claims 25-27 were amended to depend from new claim 34. It should be noted that an additional claim 23 was erroneously included in the original filing, and has been hereby removed from the present claims. It is believed that no new matter has been entered

The Examiner issued a restriction requirement, wherein Applicants are required to elect one of the following groups:

Group I: Claims 1-11, drawn to a method for heating a kiln;

Group II: Claims 12-21, drawn to a raw feed for use in forming cement clinker; and

Group III: Claims 22-33, drawn to a method for reducing NOx emissions.

Applicants hereby elect with traverse **Group I** (claims 1-11). This election of Group I is made with traverse on the basis that it would not be unduly burdensome for the Examiner to examine all of the claims in this application, since all claims relate to cement clinker.

Accordingly, reconsideration of the restriction requirement is requested. In the event that the restriction requirement is maintained, rejoinder of all non-elected claims is requested upon allowance of the elected claims. It is believed that the above represents a complete response to the restriction/election requirement, and examination on the merits is respectfully requested. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned to resolve efficiently any formal matters or to discuss any aspects of the application or of this response. Otherwise, early notification of allowable subject matter is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
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